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ROBERT DELL DIES

Editorial Consultant of The Hour Was Noted  
for His Fearless Opposition to Fascism

In the early morning of July 20, in his room at the Hotel Brevoort in New York, death came to Robert Dell, the well-known writer on international affairs and one of the editorial consultants of *The Hour*. He was 75 years old. Until the very last day of his life he continued his long and valiant fight against reaction and its worst manifestation, fascism.

As a young man Robert Dell began his writing career by publishing a local newspaper in England, later followed by his editorship of two art magazines. From 1907 to 1938 his thoughtful articles from Paris, Berlin and Geneva were published in *The Manchester Guardian*. To American readers after the first World War he was well known by his incisive correspondence on foreign affairs for *The Nation*. He was author of several books, of which *My Second Country*, a discourse on France, is best known. His criticism of the French reactionaries led to his expulsion from that country in May, 1918, the decree remaining in force until 1926. Mr. Dell's impatience with the anti-democratic tendencies of certain interests in France received a startling illustration first in the betrayal of democracies at Munich in September 1938, and next in the fall of France in June 1940.

The anti-Nazi work of Mr. Dell was typified by his expose' in 1934 of Hitler's secret instructions and propaganda decree of June 30, 1933. He was *The Hour's* editorial consultant since its very first issue of April 30, 1939, rendering valuable assistance and advice at every opportunity. His special correspondence from Geneva on the Nazi-Fascist intrigues in Switzerland (see *The Hour* for June 15, 1939) was one of the high points of his collaboration. Later he sent us important information in connection with Pastor Niemöller's imprisonment in the Nazi Reich.

The Hour and its friends mourn the passing of Robert Dell.

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## UKRAINIAN FASCISTS MEET IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

## Close Link With Nazis -- Terrorist Program

Secret meetings of the fascist Ukrainian organization ODUW (Organization for the Rebirth of the Ukraine) are now taking place in New York and Jersey City. These meetings are representative of the pro-Hitler activity in the United States of this group, whose proclaimed objective is the "liberation" of the Ukraine and whose intimate association with the Nazis is of long standing. Using false "nationalist" slogans to obscure its fascist program, the ODUW is attempting with renewed vigor to lead American-Ukrainians into Hitler's camp.

In certain cases ODUW officials are conferring under camouflaged auspices. The regular meetings of the Control Commission of the Ukrainian National Association, which is being held at the offices of that association at 83 Grand Street, Jersey City, N. J., are being attended by certain mysterious individuals, such as Stephen Kuropas and Roman Smuk of Chicago, Kibzey of Detroit, and Malytzky of Cleveland. These persons are either members of the ODUW, or closely affiliated with it; and the present meetings of the Control Commission, which started on July 22 and are lasting until July 27, have provided an excellent opportunity for some ODUW leaders to transact affairs of their own. The rank and file of the Ukrainian National Association are certainly not pro-ODUW; but in order to exert the widest possible influence among Ukrainians in the United States, the vast majority of whom are anti-fascist and anti-ODUW, it has long been the policy of the ODUW to try to maneuver its members into executive positions of such organizations as the Association, which has a membership of some 40,000.

## Led by Fuehrer of Their Own

The ODUW is an international organization with branches operating in Canada, U. S. and South America, throughout Europe, and in many parts of Asia. Its leadership is in the hands of White Guard Ukrainians who, consequent to Hitler's rise to power, have worked under Nazi supervision. After the first World War, the terroristic deeds in Europe of this group became notorious, especially in Poland and in the Balkan countries. Chief among its activities have been acts of violence, sabotage, and espionage; the spreading of anti-democratic pro-fascist propaganda; and the promulgation of anti-Semitism. The ODUW is strongly anti-Soviet and much of its work has been directed against the present government of Russia.

Wherever Ukrainians have settled the ODUW has followed and attempted to build its power. The various national branches derive their authority and receive their instructions from the central headquarters, the Provid (Ukrainian for "directing body"). At the head of the Provid is a Fuehrer; today, one Colonel Andrew Melnyk. He is the recognized chieftain of the vast international organization and his word is law to the ODUW branches throughout the world.

At present the Provid is located in Germany. Its members undergo a period of thorough training at an "Espionage and Sabotage School" in



Berlin and in Vienna. Contact between the Provid and the local centers is maintained by liaison officers who systematically visit the various countries in which ODUW branches are located; these liaison officers have much authority and are accepted as representatives of their own Fuehrer and of the Provid as a whole. A secret oath, pledging absolute allegiance and blind obedience to their Fuehrer, binds the members of all local organizations.

#### Control in U. S. and Canada from Abroad

Within the last few years the following members of the Provid have visited the United States: Senyk-Grybiwsky, a leader notorious for his terroristic activities, who founded the United States branch of the ODUW some ten years ago and has since spent a major portion of his time supervising ODUW activities in this country; Colonel Sushko, who recently visited all branches of the ODUW in Canada and the United States for organizational purposes; General Kurmanovitch, of the German Army, who came to this country twice in 1938; Baranowsky, a specialist in espionage work, who traveled to America in 1938, and participated in the annual convention held that year at Newark, N. J.

Up until 1937 Eugene Liakhovytch was the liaison officer to the United States branch of the ODUW and while in this country was recognized as a sub-fuehrer. It is reported that since 1937 his place has been taken by Luke Myshuha, who recently visited Berlin and Vienna and spoke over Nazi-controlled radio networks. At a clandestine get-together in 1937 at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the shift in leadership in this country was discussed. This meeting was attended by Senyk-Grybiwsky, Liakhovytch and General Kurmanovitch (from Germany). Senyk-Grybiwsky had just returned from Japan, and it has been reliably reported that Japanese military representatives participated in the meeting.

#### Case of Monsignor Buchko

Increasing authority today seems to be delegated to a more recent ODUW visitor to the United States. This is Monsignor Ivan Buchko, who is now at the Ukrainian Catholic Parish, 22 East 7th Street, New York. Monsignor Buchko, who left Poland on the eve of the outbreak of the war and went directly to South America, has already been expelled from several South American countries for Nazi activities. The police arrested Buchko in the town of Curitiba, Brazil; immediately thereafter the authorities "persuaded" him to leave that country. Before coming to Brazil, he had experienced similar difficulties in Argentina and in Uruguay. Like the Nazi agent, Dr. Ried, who came to the United States after his expulsion from Brazil, Monsignor Buchko feels that in this country his talents will be of value to his employers. The ODUW is in complete agreement; and it is even rumored that Buchko may soon step into Myshuha's shoes.

Today a slight change can be observed in the propaganda of the ODUW in the United States. Orders have been received from headquarters in Germany that this propaganda should assume a less pro-fascist and a more "pro-democratic" nature. The reasons for this shift in policy are twofold. The first and rather obvious reason is that fascism is becoming

increasingly unpopular in this country. The second is that the ODWU leadership is sharply dissatisfied with the headway its group has made to date among American Ukrainians who as a body remain profoundly pro-democratic.

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### "ARYANS" IN OREGON

#### Native Fascists Praise Hitler in The Free Press

Fascist propaganda in the American Northwest is being continued by Syd D. Pierce and Harriet A. Pierce, editor and publisher respectively of The Free Press, a virulent sheet periodically gotten out at Bend, Oregon. The masthead of the newspaper is adorned with pictures of two United States flags and one torch of liberty, flanked by drawings representing George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, but underneath the title the following motto is printed: "Every Pure Aryan American at His Post to Save the Country from the Enemy Within Our Gates."

The paper attacks American democracy, C. I. O. and other labor unions, and complains that it has been called pro-Nazi for denying Nazi atrocities in Poland whereas in its praise of Hitler it morely tries "to follow the Golden Rule." Typical of its "Golden-Rule" stand on the Nazi Reich is the following paragraph from a recent issue of The Free Press:

"And then, there is Germany under the rulership of Adolf Hitler, discredited by propaganda, but verified by disinterested parties who return home from visiting the country -- each tells how Germany is getting along without money and usury."

#### From Elizabeth Dilling to Pacific Greyhound

The native fascist paper advertises that its office also sells books by such American blackshirts and friends of Nazis as Elizabeth Dilling and Newton Jenkins. In New York and other eastern points it is being distributed by such pro-Nazis as the self-styled "Lieutenant-General Count V. Cherep-Spiridovich" (See The Hour of last week). Syd D. Pierce laments the persecution from which he and his wife allegedly suffer in the town of Bend for their views and activities. He writes:

"While Mrs. Pierce has been partially paralyzed for some years, it is the belief that the persecution we have undergone since we came to this city has aggravated (sic) her health until it is well nigh unbearable."

Nevertheless, not everyone in the Northwest seems to be the foe of the super-Aryan and pro-Nazi Pierces. Among the advertisers in The Free Press we find, rather surprisingly, such well-known concerns as United Brewers' Industrial Foundation and the Pacific Greyhound Bus Lines.

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